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By: **Delegate Giannetti**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland General Assembly - Recording of Floor Sessions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Legislative Services to produce an
4 audio and video recording of each floor session of the Senate and House;
5 requiring the Department of Legislative Services to make recordings and access
6 to its recording system available to the media under certain circumstances;
7 requiring the Legislative Policy Committee to adopt certain guidelines
8 concerning the recording of Senate and House floor sessions; and generally
9 relating to the recording of floor sessions.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - State Government
12 Section 2-1250
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1999 Replacement Volume)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - State Government**

18 2-1250.

19 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRODUCE AN AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING OF
20 EACH FLOOR SESSION OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

21 (B) SUBJECT TO GUIDELINES ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS
22 SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE RECORDINGS AND ACCESS TO ITS
23 RECORDING SYSTEM AVAILABLE TO THE MEDIA FOR BROADCASTING.

24 (C) (1) THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE SHALL ADOPT GUIDELINES
25 CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF SENATE AND HOUSE FLOOR SESSIONS.

26 (2) THE GUIDELINES SHALL INCLUDE:

1 (I) CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH RECORDINGS MAY NOT BE
2 MADE;

3 (II) PROCEDURES GOVERNING PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF
4 RECORDINGS; AND

5 (III) CHARGES FOR RECORDINGS OR ACCESS TO THE RECORDING
6 SYSTEM TO OFFSET THE COST OF PRODUCTION OR REPRODUCTION.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2000.